

## Access Sites

**\* Green Cottage** - From Baldwin:

- Travel south on M-37 for 2.5 miles.
- Turn right and travel west on 72nd St. for 1.5 miles.
- Turn right and travel west on Peacock Trail .5 miles to the site.

*GPS Coordinates:* X: -85.881054 Y: 43.860551

**\* Gleason’s Landing** - From Baldwin:

- Travel west on 52nd St. for 2.5 miles.
- Turn left and travel south on Jenks Rd. for 1 mile.
- Turn right and travel west on 60th St. for 1 mile.
- Turn left and travel south on Brooks Rd. for 1 mile.

*GPS Coordinates:* X: -85.919877 Y: 43.871547

**\* Bowman Bridge** - From Baldwin:

- Travel west on 52nd St./56th St./Carr’s Rd. for 5 miles.

*GPS Coordinates:* X: -85.940008 Y: 43.888892

**\* Rainbow Rapids** - From Baldwin:

- Travel west on 52nd St. for 2.5 miles.
- Turn right and travel west on Wingleton Rd. for 4 miles.

*GPS Coordinates:* X: -85.975855 Y: 43.922703

**Upper Branch** - From Baldwin:

- Travel west on 52nd St. for 8.5 miles.
- Turn right and travel north on S. Branch Rd. for 3 miles.

*GPS Coordinates:* X: -86.0207 Y: 43.928346

**\* Lower Branch Bridge** - From Baldwin:

- Travel north on M-37 for 3 miles.
- Turn left and travel west on US-10 10 miles.
- Turn left and travel south on Landon Rd. for 1 mile.

*GPS Coordinates:* X: -86.050704 Y: 43.935193

**\* Indian Bridge** - From White Cloud:

- Travel north on M-37 for 3 miles.
- Turn left and travel west on US-10 for 16.5 miles.
- Turn left and travel south on Ruck Road for 1.25 miles.

*GPS Coordinates:* X: -86.18217 Y: 43.937179

*\* - indicates a Recreation Enhancement Act Fee Vehicle Pass is required at this site.*

## Watercraft Permits

Within the Forest’s boundary, the river has been divided into three (3) sections for nonmotorized boating:

- Forks to Bowman Bridge
- Bowman Bridge to Upper Branch Bridge
- Upper Branch Bridge to Walhalla Bridge

Watercraft permit reservations are recommended, but not required. Reservations are \$2.00/watercraft per day and can be done by phone, mail or in person.

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## Contact Information

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**Supervisor’s Office**

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# Pere Marquette River

### A National Scenic River



Gleason's Landing



Rainbow Rapids



Green Cottage

Huron-Manistee National Forests

## Conduct and Ethics

Violations of the Maritime Safety Act are strictly enforced on this river. To protect the river and provide an enjoyable paddling experience for all visitors, the following restrictions apply:

- A watercraft tag is required from Elm Flats to Low Bridge from May 15 to September 10.
- Each paddler needs a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Children 12 and under must wear a PFD at all times.
- Fasten all equipment, bottles and containers to the watercraft.
- Pack out all trash. Litter bags are available at liveries and Forest Service Offices.
- Paddlers are encouraged to stop erosion by not climbing river banks.
- The following are prohibited:
  - Fireworks,
  - Nudity,
  - Drunk and disorderly/underage,
  - Drugs,
  - Harassing wildlife,
  - Diving from or standing in watercraft,
  - Trespassing on private property,
  - Collecting animals, plants or driftwood,
  - Glass, Styrofoam and balloons.
- Camping is permitted at Bowman Bridge Campground, Claybanks, Elk Canoe Campground, Gleason’s Landing Campground and Sulak.

## Fishing

From M-37 to Gleason’s Landing the State of Michigan has designated the river as quality fishing water requiring “no kill, catch and release with flies only”.

## National Scenic River

In July 1978 the Pere Marquette River and its major tributaries were designated a National Wild and Scenic River, the first in Michigan. The scenic portion of the river is a sixty-six mile stretch from the junction of the Middle and Little South Branches east of Baldwin to the Old Highway 31 Bridge.

The gradient of the river is 4.1 feet per mile with a flow of 713 cubic feet per second. Free flowing and clear for over 60-miles from the junction of the Middle and South Branches to its terminus in Lake Pere Marquette, the river is the longest river system in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula without dams or impoundments.



Bowman Bridge

## Recreation Enhancement Act Fee

Recreation fees help pay for the facilities and services that you will be using.

You can deposit the fee at each site or you can choose to purchase from a variety of recreation passes. The two main types are The America the Beautiful Interagency Passes or the Huron-Manistee National Forests Recreation Passes.

Household passes are only sold at Forest Service Offices. For a list of vendors please contact a Forest Service Office.